Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1-2. CANCELLED WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Claim 3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A building method comprising

furnishing a column-and-beam structural building frame possessing a load-bearing portion which is defined by nodally interconnected columns and beams, where at least one column is formed as a hollow, tubular structure,

providing in the at least one column, substantially immediately above a nodal connection between the mentioned one column and a beam, an upper-end utility region which extends above and beyond the frame's load-bearing portion, and which region terminates in a nominally open, upwardly facing mouth which opens to the hollow interior of the at least one column to define therewith a utility port, ~~and then~~

employing the defined utility port , inserting downwardly thereinto, for ~~the~~ stabilized insertion, reception and use, ~~of~~ a building, construction-extension instrumentality selected from the list consisting of (a) an installable/removable crane structure, (b) a column-like element provided for the addition of selected building superstructure, and (c) additional building infrastructure feedable downwardly through said port toward a selected elevation in said building structure[.] , and

at least for such a crane structure and superstructure, utilizing direct lateral engagement therebetween and the receiving column utility port to furnish fully all lateral stabilization of and support for the thus port-received structure.

Claim 4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 3 which additionally comprises furnishing the mentioned building frame with more columns each of which is formed as a hollow, tubular structure, and providing in each of those more columns upper-end utility regions.

Claim 5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 4, wherein, with respect to the reception and use of installable/removable crane structures as accommodated by the presence of plural, provided utility ports, utilizing such ports to enable a construction-extension practice where one installed crane structure which is installed in one utility port is employable to manipulate and install another crane structure in an adjacent utility port.

Claim 6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A deployable-crane building method comprising

providing a column-and-beam structural building frame having elongate, nodally interconnected, upright columns and generally horizontal beams,

providing in at least one of these columns, substantially immediately above a nodal connection between this at least one column and a horizontally extending beam, an open, upwardly facing end,

removeably seating the base of a load-handling crane within the mentioned open column end, and

utilizing the frame of nodally interconnected columns and beams, including the mentioned nodal connection which exists between the at least one column and the mentioned horizontally extending beam, furnishing direct load-bearing support for any such base-seated crane ,with seating of a crane base in such an open column end furnishing the totality of lateral stabilization and support for the seated crane .